

THE COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION
CONFERENCE AND TRAINING ON
GANGS, VIOLENCE AND DRUGS**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize the Annual Community Mobilization Conference and Training on Gangs, Violence and Drugs which will take place in my hometown of San Diego, California April 1–3, 1998.

This will be the ninth annual conference convened by Nu-Way Youth and Social Services, a local community-based organization. The conference will be a national, collaborative event that will bring together parents,

educators, law enforcement officers, probation officers, prosecutors, health and social service providers, together with civic, political and spiritual leaders to discuss the latest technologies and strategies for combating juvenile crime in our communities.

I would also like to give recognition to the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the U.S. Department of Justice for their support and co-sponsorship of Nu-Way's 9th Annual National Conference. The NCPC and the BJA will add programmatic support and technical assistance. By doing so they are providing Nu-Way access to greater numbers of nationally recognized trainers, and broader participation. Conference participants will come from throughout the United States and Canada.

This support will further strengthen the Educating, Motivating, Organizing and Mobilizing (E.M.O.M.) process and demonstrate the effectiveness of the partnership between community and government.

This conference is a true collaborative project. And by its very nature, will reinforce the proverb that "it takes a whole village to raise a child"—and will challenge all of our citizens to accept the responsibility and join in our struggle to keep our youth free from the influence of gangs and drugs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that Nu-Way, a valuable resource in the fight against gangs, drug abuse and violence, is based in my Congressional district, and I applaud the efforts of Nu-Way and the Community Mobilization Conference for their important role in our fight against juvenile crime.